



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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Mayor Heather Bond Somers, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Karen F. Morton, Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Rita M. Schmidt, James L. Streeter, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, October 02, 2012

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to five (5) minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

a. Approval of Minutes

2012-0277 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of September 18, 2012 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2012-0229 Central Corridor Rail Coalition Request for Support

Referral

2012-0231 Amended Agreement Regarding Fitch High School
Baseball Field - Update

Referral

2012-0260 Spicer Fund Fundraiser

Referral

2012-0275 Reallocation of FYE 2013 CIP Funds to Mary Morrisson
Asbestos Floor Tile Removal Project

Referral

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

a. Town Councilors

b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting

c. Clerk of the Council

d. Town Manager

e. Town Attorney

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Schmidt

b. Economic Development - Chairman Johnson

c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Watson

d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Peruzzotti

e. Finance - Chairman O'Beirne

f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Flax

g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter

h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Antipas

i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Somers

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2012-0229 Central Corridor Rail Coalition Request for Support

Referral

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE EXPANSION

WHEREAS, undue reliance upon particular modes of passenger transportation and the neglect of others leads to inefficiencies, delays and wasteful allocation of resources; and

WHEREAS, a modern national passenger train system is an essential element of a truly balanced transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, the low level or absence of passenger train service in certain areas of New England (including Groton) has resulted in an unbalanced transportation system in those areas, contributing to traffic congestion, air pollution, wasteful expenditures, and growth control problems; and

WHEREAS, this municipality is gravely concerned with the disruption to this community caused by the aforesaid traffic congestion, air pollution, wasteful expenditures, and growth control problems; and

WHEREAS, the Groton Town Council believes that comprehensive intermodal transportation planning is necessary to resolve the aforesaid problems and that involvement at the local, state and regional levels is necessary to the preparation and implementation of such planning; and

WHEREAS, the Groton Town Council believes that passenger train service is a necessary part of any comprehensive intermodal transportation system, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Town Council of Groton, Connecticut that:

1. It is and shall continue to be the policy of this municipality to take all actions necessary to support the commencement and/or/expansion of passenger train service in and to this municipality and other areas of Connecticut.

2. This municipality supports the efforts of The Central Corridor Rail Coalition and The Palmer Rail Coalition to achieve the commencement and/or expansion of passenger rail service to the aforesaid areas.

Legislative History

7/19/2012 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

7/24/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

Discussion occurred on whether to provide a resolution of support for a proposal to reinstate passenger rail service from Brattleboro, Vermont to New London. Councilor Flax noted that Palmer, Massachusetts is the likely site for a casino. The Mayor stated she will contact the Central Corridor Rail Coalition for additional information.

2012-0231 Amended Agreement Regarding Fitch High School Baseball Field - Update Referral

2012-0275 Reallocation of FYE 2013 CIP Funds to Mary Morrisson Asbestos Floor Tile Removal Project Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REALLOCATION OF \$110,000 WITHIN THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FROM THE PROJECT TO REPLACE BOILERS AT S. B. BUTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO THE PROJECT TO REPLACE ASBESTOS FLOOR TILE AT MARY MORRISSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, \$265,000 was approved in the FYE 2012 and FYE 2013 capital improvement budgets for a project to replace defective asbestos containing floor tile at Mary Morrisson Elementary School, and

WHEREAS, the cost to replace the tile exceeds the allocation by approximately \$101,975, and

WHEREAS, \$270,000 was approved in the FYE 2013 capital improvement budget to replace the boilers at S. B. Butler Elementary School, and

WHEREAS, the project at S. B. Butler is 98% complete with a surplus of at least \$130,000, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the reallocation of \$110,000 from the S. B. Butler boiler replacement project (#5G) to the Mary Morrisson floor tile replacement project (#5B).

Refer to RTM under Rule 6.5.3.

Legislative History

9/24/2012 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT